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Honorable William J. Casey Director of Central Intelligence Central Intelligence Agency Washington, D.C.

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Dear Bill:

The Senate Select Committee on Intelligence submitted to you for answers a list of anticipated questions for the record in connection with the Fiscal Year 1986 budget. Copies of them, along with proposed answers, were furnished to the Intelligence Community, including the FBI, for coordination by at the request of the Program and Budget staff of the Intelligence Community staff.

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These questions and proposed answers were reviewed by my Intelligence Division and I asked them to report to me so that I might appreciate all of the ramifications and form a reasoned judgment on the proposed answers to the degree that they relate to the FBI.

The Intelligence Division has reported to me and expressed concern regarding the proposed answer to questions 20 (a), (b), and (c), particularly to the degree that the answer resurrects, once again, the Bross Commission's recommendations relating to multidisciplinary counterintelligence analysis, and the proposed creation, within the National Intelligence Council, of a staff that would do counterintelligence analysis. Also of concern to my people is language in the answer suggesting that the creation of this staff will have a "galvanizing effect" on the community and "will send a further signal of our priority concern with this issue," i.e., counterintelligence analysis throughout the community.

The Community Counterintelligence staff recently sent to you a paper entitled, "Concept Paper--Proposed Solution to a Formulation of a Counterintelligence Analysis Group," which was staffed with the Intelligence Community, and which proposed an

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analytical staff to pursue counterintelligence projects with resources borrowed from the community, as needed, to do analyses. This paper proposed that the existing National Multidisciplinary Assessment Center, located in the Community Counterintelligence staff, and composed of detailees from CIA, DOD, FBI, and NSA, form the principal nucleus of an enhanced National Counterintelligence Analysis Center. In our view, this proposal is a good faith effort to comply with the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence directive to the DCI, on one hand, and, on the other does not detract from internal analysis being done by the elements represented. It would also comply with the sense of Congress implied in question 20 that you are answering for the record: "Last year, Congress directed the establishment of a Center for Multidisciplinary Counterintelligence Analysis. center was to consist of a staff detailed from the various intelligence agencies and to be located in the Intelligence Community staff."

I would appreciate it, Bill, if you would take another look at the proposed answers to the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence recommended to you in light of my remarks. I would like to resolve this matter prior to the answers being sent to the committee.

I would also recommend to you for further review the report submitted to you by the DCI's Committee on Hostile Intelligence Threat Analysis which was sent to you on November 10, 1983. This report is relevant to our current discussion, recognized the value of establishing a multidisciplinary analytical group, and concluded that the Intelligence Community believes that, within the existing structure, all necessary elements are already present to meet the requirements of national-level multidisciplinary analysis.

Sincerely,

Y SUX

William H. Webster Director

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